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taking off the control mechanism. I'll fight you every step of the way here. If you let them come in my street I'll fight you in the street there too, or in the corridors or anywhere else.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Need a little air. You know I'm kind of resentful of the remarks Senator Chambers made and I'm going to tell you why. You can cope with my color, cope with my personality, take it every way you want it, but the remarks that he made are highly indignified as far as I'm concerned. He is the one that's forming the battle lines, if anybody is forming them.

I wore that uniform for 19½ years as a fire inspector. I'm not going to degrade any department because of one or two members. As ... an instance I and the fire inspector ... maybe set a fire to a building, they dismiss me. Am I going to tear down the whole organization? This is what you're advocating. Are you going to turn the power over to the county commissioners and let them play politics with it?

I stand up in absolute defense of the sheriff. We've got special deputies in Omaha and I think they've done a courageous job. It's about time we started standing up protecting the men in uniform instead of degrading them, belittling them and tearing them down. It's getting so bad now that they won't even go out and make an arrest. Everybody is on their back. They're getting punished. They're quitting. You don't pay them, there's no benefits or anything else. This is a sickening and saddening affair.

Gentlemen, I wore that uniform a good long time. I went through the abuses then. They still exist. It's about time you had belly and guts enough to stand on your two feet in defense of them. I mean it as God be my judge!

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. In all the discussion on this bill, up to this point, I've tried to deal with the bill and the issues in the bill. I don't know how I answer arguments when they're directed strictly against me and don't relate to the bill, or arguments when he says if we disagree we're all racists, which we hear regularly. He's the only moral individual in here. Arguments, if we don't respond, by golly, march in the streets, pick up your guns and shoot them all.

I'll tell you what the issue is here as far as I'm concerned, Senator Chambers, and that's that you have a problem in Omaha and I concede that. But your solution to your Omaha problem is to say -- outstate, this is the new rule. We don't care about what your problems, issues or anything else are out there, this is my solution to my Omaha problem and, by God, like it or not! Boy, sheriff's out there don't like it. We don't like to be told that, 'ho, the whole system is changed now. Senator Chambers solved his Omaha problem and he did it by outlawing your use as you have in the past where you haven't had abuses".